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AUGUST 5, 2012

Our Vision Statement

In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
11:00 AM in the Wesley Center

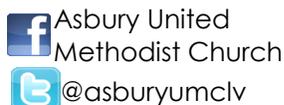
Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F
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Still Keeping In Touch

The Keep in Touch Ministry Team has a vision to continue to develop creative and caring ways to provide spiritual care and assistance to the Asbury Community in times of illness, rehabilitation, or confinement. We already have an excellent team, and we keep adding great new members, including Josh Bridges and Eric Yeakel, Jr. But our vision requires more! Here are some areas of ministry in which volunteers are needed:

- ◆ Providing transportation to doctor visits or rehabilitation appointments;
- ◆ Coordinate with the services of the Kitchen Ministry team to provide meals on a short-term basis to those who have returned home from the hospital, are disabled, or who have suffered a recent loss;
- ◆ Provide rides to church for those who are able but who have no family or friends to bring them;
- ◆ Provide temporary relief to those who are caring for family members in their home, allowing caregivers time for shopping, recreation, or rest;
- ◆ Provide companionship and support to disabled members who are living alone.

Since the first century, the community of faith, the Body of Christ, has been charged to "encourage one another and build up each other." (1 Thess. 5:11) The Keep in Touch team, and all of our dedicated Asbury members, have responded to that charge in wondrous and inspiring ways. If you feel called to respond to the needs listed above, please contact me or Judy Whitby, Chair of Keep in Touch, and we will gladly receive and commission you!

Pastor Glenn

FAMILIES ON THE GROW

One challenge in larger churches is to find and maintain connections. This is the main purpose of the *Families on the Grow* group at Asbury. The group was started two years ago to provide support for young families at Asbury and continues to grow. The goals have been to create opportunities for families to get together for fellowship and support, and to provide service for church activities.

The group has organized and participated in a wide variety of activities. We have had pool parties, trips to the zoo, held a gym night in the Wesley Center, gone Christmas caroling, and participated in church service projects. As few as eight and as many as fifty have attended. Most recently we held a weekend camping trip to Hickory Run State Park. Nine families (37 people) participated, including 19 children ranging in age from two to fourteen. In spite of the rain, participants formed new and lasting relationships with other Asbury members.

Typically the group meets on a monthly basis and any are welcome and encouraged to join. Future events will be posted in the Vine. If you are looking for more information please contact Paul Wood at 610-437-1862 or paewood@rcn.com.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012. THE BUILDING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE UPPER LEVEL SANCTUARY ENTRANCE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

JAMS & JELLIES

If you are making jams or jellies for the UMW Bazaar, glass jars are available for you in the Wesley Center kitchen. Help yourself!

UMW DISTRICT INGATHERING

Asbury's UMW is again participating in our District Ingathering to be held in September. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated: diapers (cloth and disposable), underwear (infant, children and adult), baby clothes (especially for infants), mittens, hats, socks, sweaters and nightwear. Items should be new, preferably with tags attached. Please look for the collection container on lower level. Monetary contributions are always appreciated. All donations benefit our local Salem Thrift Shop in Allentown. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Malick (610-797-0960). Thank you for your wonderful support of this worthwhile program!

PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER

Asbury regularly hosts two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday, 8/14, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Philip Yancey's DVD "Forgiveness: Extending Grace When You've Been Wronged" will be shown and discussed. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information.

Prayers of Our Congregation

How great is the joy I have in my life in the Lord! Philippians 4:10

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, especially Elaine Glasser. Give them the strength and will to recover so they may continue your work in the world. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask your mercy and comfort for the families of all those who have passed from our lives into your arms.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask your healing help for Melody Q. who has lymphoma. We lift up the Fulltons' granddaughter, Maynara, who is still in the hospital. We ask your mercy and healing for Bob's nephew, Chris, recovering from a blood infection. Please be with Connie as she recovers from further amputation of her leg. We ask you to be with Gary's mother, Bernice, so that she will receive the help she needs to heal and become more accepting of her situation and those who want to help her. Please help Abby and Joel N. as they face job interviews.

For our congregation

We ask you to be with Richard S. as he is relocating to Texas for work. Lord, we need Thee every hour. We have joy in Victoria S. receiving her RN license and ask traveling mercies as she moves to Aurora, CO. We ask traveling mercies for Bonnie's son, Robert, as he and his friends ride their motorcycles a long distance.



We are running very low on these basic necessities!

- **Men's Socks - NEW**
- **Men's Underwear - NEW (Boxers or Briefs)**
- **Men's White Undershirts - NEW**
- **Men's Jeans - NEW or Gently Used**
- **Men's Belts - NEW or Gently Used (Brown or Black, Various Sizes from 32" - 46")**

Items can be dropped off at the Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18105, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If you have a large load that needs to be picked up, please call us at 610-740-5500, ext 45. Thank you!

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask you to have mercy on all the people in North Korea affected by recent flooding. We ask for peace and safety for all athletes and spectators as all nations join together for the London Olympics. We ask for comfort for the students, faculty and families of Penn State who have been affected by recent events.

For our children

Thank you for the blessing of Asbury's Vacation Bible School children and for all the teachers and support staff who made it possible.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the joy which seeing Olympic medal winners brings us. We thank you for the peace of the early morning spent in your presence.

For the missions we support

Lord, we ask your blessing upon the Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma. This center ministers to the Native Americans in the region and has been led, in part, by Asbury members, Jim and Jenny Gast. We ask for a smooth transition of leadership and for safe travels for the Gasts as they return to Allentown after a prolonged absence.

Amen!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Children



Sunday Morning Summer Faith & Fun Alive – 9:30 AM

Childcare for Infants/Ones in Room 214 and Two's-PreK in Room 223. Today is VBS Celebration Sunday! All children PreK – 5th Grade are welcome to attend the 9:30 service. After a short VBS program and Children's Message, Linda Arleth will take the children to Room 219 for activities. Please pick up your children after the service.

VBS

This past week we had 184 children and 78 volunteers lead our children in "Operation Overboard." A **HUGE THANKS** to all volunteers and staff who made this a very special week for the children!

Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

We need you! Be a part of our team sharing Jesus and building relationships with our children. We still need teacher aides for 1st-3rd grades, and 3yr-K teachers/aides. Please contact Linda now for information.

Contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) for information on any Children's Ministry activity.

Youth



This week's summer youth event is a Talent Show! Do you have a cool, weird, or quirky thing you can do? Come share it!! We're meeting Sunday, 8/5, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge.

Night on the Move is a lock-in where we spend part of the night roaming around the valley seeking out fun! This year's Night on the Move is next weekend, Fri, 8/10 to Sat, 8/11. Mark your calendars now!! Check www.asburyym.org for more information.

On 8/26, bring some old clothes and help clean up the Youth Lounge! We'll be painting at least the entryway to the YL and doing plenty of cleanup work inside as well. This is your chance to help make this space your own!

Finally, our fall kickoff is coming up quickly! Mark your calendars for Sunday, 9/ 9, when we kick off our activities for the school year!

Adults

Nathan Snyder, Asbury member and West Chester University student, is participating in a 10 week mission project with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in Ocean City, MD. An excerpt from one of his weekly updates is below.

One of my favorite experiences from the project so far was this past Friday night. My friends Jake, Brandon and I tried an evangelism strategy I call "walking by faith." What we did was have one person completely blindfolded and the second person "muted" (their mouth covered with a blindfold). The mute person leads the blind person by the arm to a group of people on the boardwalk in order to start a conversation. Initially we were nervous, but that made us trust God and rely on His guidance even more. Talking to people while blindfolded was such a different and beneficial experience. After two hours of sharing, around 25 people heard the gospel and many of them said that our conversations turned them back to God! I realized that the blindfold helped conversations a lot. I felt more connected to the people we spoke with because I was not consciously or subconsciously judging them by their appearance or being distracted by things going on around me. As usual, our expectations and our plans did not work but God came through and led us to the people He wanted us to speak with in order to bring Him glory.

I have experienced so many happy and joyful times with the men and women here with me. Living here and being surrounded by such positive, honest and loving people who are willing to take risks, step out in faith, embrace the Holy Spirit and make sacrifices for the gospel has changed each and every one of us this summer. There are less than two weeks remaining and I am very excited to see what God has in store for the remainder of our time here before I come home. Thank you for all of your prayers and concern for what God is doing here in Ocean City.

Nate

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission



CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month goes to support the pensions for our retired pastors. These pastors faithfully served churches such as Asbury for many years, anticipating they would be able to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Unfortunately, adequate planning was not made by denominational officials, and there is a significant unfunded liability. Your gifts help to ensure that the pastors who served, and their surviving spouses, can retire with adequate support.

From the desk of
Gus Al-Khal
Everlasting Life Ministries



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you so much for your constant and consistent giving. Summer is such a challenging time. We presently have 2 men that we are working with that are literally living in makeshift tents next to the river below one of the bridges. I went down to one of their 'campsites' where they collect rain water, purifying it with Clorox for drinking and washing, and cardboard buffering the sides of the crude structures they sleep in. It broke my heart, brothers and sisters, and these are the 2 men that I know about in this situation. How many others are there that come to the food bank, clinic and luncheon that we don't know about? God Bless You for all you are doing to help.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Gus

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



IS YOUR PLEDGE
UP TO DATE?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 5 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration (VBS kids)- Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Fun Alive (K-5th grade) -219
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Tough Topics Discussion- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- YL/FH

Monday, August 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 7:00 p.m. Director of Youth Ministries- 217

Tuesday, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now For Autism- 217
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, August 8

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

Wednesday, August 8 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

Thursday, August 9

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108

Friday, August 10

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Night on the Move

Saturday, August 11

- 6:00 p.m. Private Party- FH

Sunday, August 12

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Fun Alive (K-5th grade) -219
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
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JIM FLYNN



Jim is the head of the multi-media team, and runs multi-media & sound at Open Door. He is on the Open Door setup and teardown team, has been on the West Virginia work week for 3 years, attended Cookson Hills, was part of Cookman Toolmen, and built the crosses used at Easter. Aaron Forney says, "Jim's skills and servant leadership are vital to Open Door."



TOUGH TOPICS Sermon Series

- Church & State July 1
- Income Inequality July 29
- The Death Penalty July 8
- Heaven & Hell August 5
- Homosexuality July 15
- Euthanasia August 12
- Abortion July 22
- Politics August 19

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